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Photo Gallery: The Flood of 1955 Snapshots from the Park's Collection

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Before the Storm



(Photo courtesy of Gwynne H. Reese)

Soon to be gone: The wooden covered bridge between Columbia NJ and Portland PA with the Lehigh & New England railroad bridge just behind it and the Water Gap in the distance, taken looking upstream from the new vehicular bridge at Portland PA in summer 1954 or 1955. The covered bridge served vehicles until new bridge opened in 1953, and then was used as a pedestrian walkway. Its 775foot span had survived the Flood of 1903, but would be almost entirely swept away by the Delaware in August 1955. Its piers, which date from 1839, now support a new "walking bridge" built in 1958, the site of outdoor art shows.









(Above, right to left) A building washes downstream under the fairly-new Interstate 80 bridge at the Water Gap.

(Left) Karamac Boat House, on the New Jersey bank on August 18, 1955. Karamac is located just upstream of the Water Gap, and across the river from the mouth of Broadhead Creek.





(Left) The Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad Station in Delaware Water Gap PA, seen from the level of the tracks and from a high point in the town.

(Left, bottom row) Unidentified street scenes, perhaps in the village of Delaware Water Gap PA.











(Far left) The Rt. 209 (West Main Street) bridge over Pocono Creek in Stroudsburg PA, west of the center of town.

(Left) Perhaps the same location as above, seen from the other side of the creek.



In East Stroudsburg PA, at the bridge linking Stroudsburg and East Stroudsburg (today's Business Route 209.)



Two views of Blairstown NJ, a few miles east of the park.





Kittatinny Point NJ.

